against realizable category with respect to the total corpus is 0.26% and 0.29% only for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively. Even the total arrears work out to only 1.31% and 1.30% of the total corpus of investment.

Annual status of accounts slips issued to the subscribers for the last two years is given below:

Year	No. of Account Slips Issued
2000-01	338.17 lakh
2001-02	374.84 lakh

(c) A new IT assisted computerized tracking system has been developed and implemented throughout the country for a month-to-month detection of defaults and follow up action thereto. A special drive has also been launched for achieving compliance from all the covered establishments.

EPF Settlement of retired workers

4611. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the cases of EPS have been settled for the retired workers till 31st December, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of employees whose EPS could be settled, Sector-wise;

(c) whether there are number of Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) employees whose pension settlement could not be effected so far; and:

(d) the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) As on 31st December 2001, the details of claim settlement under Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 are as under:

Total claims received	Claim settled	Rejected/ Returned	Claim Balance
18,72,914	14,26,236	2,89,927	1,56,751

The claims settlement under Employee's Pension Scheme, 1995 is an ongoing process.

(c) and (d) Normally all Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) covered under the Employees Provident Fund & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 are being extended pensionary benefits. However, for those PSEs which have challenged the validity of the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995, interim order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court are being followed to extend pensionary benefits.

Welfare Fund for beedi, cine and coal mine workers

4612. SHRI A.VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether five welfare funds are in operation for beedi workers, cine workers and non-coal mine workers;

(b) if so, the number of workers, the amount of funds allotted and utilized during last three years for each group of the above workers, State-wise, Category-wise and Year-wise;

(c) whether district units are the nodal points for implementing the above schemes; and

(d) whether the representatives from the workers society would be included at the nodal point for better participation of workers in the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL: (a) Yes, five welfare funds are in operation for beedi workers, cine workers and non-coal mine workers.

(b) There are approximately 44 lakh beedi workers, 0.65 lakh Cine workers and average daily employment in non-coal mine sector is around 0.86 lakh.

The details regarding funds allotted and utilised during the last three years are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) At present the welfare schemes under operation are being implemented through Regional offices of Welfare Commissioners/sub offices/hospitals and dispensaries located in the respective areas.